

Summit Mennonite Church

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Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

Dec.2, 2018

Focus Statement: The first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome/Lighting of Advent candle

Call to Worship

L: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

P: **We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

L: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

P: **Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Opening Prayer

Songs: HWB #174 Bless'd be the God of Israel
HWB #176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

Children's Time: Hope

Mona Rohrer

Scripture Reading Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon Hope Watch

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song StS #15 Hope is a Candle

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Announcements/ Introduction of Guests

Closing Hymn: HWB #178 Come thou long-expected Jesus

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Jason Moyer

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Pianist: Pam Zook

Greeters: Cindy & Tim Larson

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 36

General Offering: \$2,174

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today:** Short Congregational meeting to select Trustee
- **Today, 5:15 – 7:30:** Search for the Christ Child at Oak Grove

COMING EVENTS

- **Sun, Dec 23:** Christmas Brunch
- **Mon, Dec 24,** 7pm Christmas Eve Service at Summit (joint with First Menn)
- **Sun, Jan 13:** Annual Reports due to Jason from Commission Chairs
- **Sun, Jan 27:** Annual Business Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's hours at Summit next week will be Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please text or call her for a meeting time.

As you plan your year-end giving, please consider Summit Mennonite Church as an option. As of the end of October, we are approximately \$7,000 (\$700/month) short of meeting our 2018 Spending Plan obligations that we committed to at our business meeting last January.

Would you like to brighten a homeless child's Christmas by donating a gift to **Family Promise of Summit County**? The flier about Santa's workshop and a list of suggested gifts are on the bulletin board. Please bring all donations to the church by Dec. 16. If you have questions please see Stan or Judy.

Handel's Messiah will be performed at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, Ohio on Sunday, December 16, at 2:30 PM. Founded in 1818, the church has a long-standing tradition of singing this beautiful and worshipful work and this year will perform selections for their 85th rendition! Soloists will include professional musicians Lara Troyer, Hannah Rowlands, Brian Keith Johnson, and Jack Lyons. Other accomplished musicians will make up the eight-piece orchestra, led by Concertmaster Amy Glick Helmuth. Guest conductor will be Brian Wiebe from Goshen, Indiana. The approximate 100-member choir is made up of church members and local musicians who love to sing. Oak Grove offers this to the community at no charge as a meaningful way to celebrate the Christmas season. A freewill offering will be taken.

Give a kit for Christmas! From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a relief kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about relief kit contents and how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/kits/relief.

Community Service Day

Thank you for your strong affirmation of the ministry at Central Christian School. As we continue to serve the churches by supporting their Biblical teachings, we are encouraged by over \$225,000 in contributions.

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride.

Central Christian Alumni Night, December 21: Baseball fundraiser meal served 5-7 pm. Varsity girls basketball play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Lucas High School. **All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.** www.ccscomets.org

BACM: Bring **Peanut butter & Shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **December** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Praise God for Linda Oyer, who retired this year after three decades of service in France through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for a smooth transition as she moves to the United States and speaks in churches. In “retirement,” she plans to return to France twice a year to teach and lead workshops.